

Amusements.

THE SOUTHERN GIRL

Alberta Gallatin, who is to appear at the Traders Grand Opera House in Henrik Isben's masterpiece, "Ghosts," is a southern girl, belonging to one of the prominent families of "Dixie," and who



Scene From Isben's "Ghosts," which comes to the Traders Grand, Thursday, April 7, with Miss Alberta Gallatin Starring.

like many other plucky women of that part of the country whose people felt the effects of the Civil war, has adopted the stage as an honorable means toward her own support. Coming from one of the old and prominent Virginia families the veteran "boys in blue" have not forgotten how her father the famous Confederate general, Albert Gallatin Jenkins, made them "hustle" at times. Miss Gallatin has the refined manners and lady-like bearing that southern girls of her social class possess, and the stage welcomes, so she adopted the drama as a profession, and used the gallant old soldiers name, slightly altered, as her nom de theatre. A few years ago she made her debut in small parts, but now is at the head of her own decidedly clever company.

COMING OF "OTHELLO"

Production of Shakespeare's Immortal Tragedy Will Be Seen at Grand Opera House on April 19th.

For the first time in the history of the American stage a continuous tour has

fallen upon Mr. Harry Leighton, of late years identified with the Frohman successes, "The Prisoner of Zenda," "Rupert of Hentzau," etc., and who formerly won distinction through his association with Mojeska Marie Wainwright, Louis-James, and the late Thomas Keene, in Shakespearean work.

The scenic and costume effects are superb. The season altogether has been so successful, both artistically and financially that a special spring tour is announced, and the date of Tuesday, April 19th, as being held in the hope that sufficient local interest may be manifested to warrant the company in visiting us for one performance.

The production is under the managerial guidance of Ernest Shipman, of the New York Theatre, who has sent us artistic plays in the past. His spring tour of Alberta Gallatin and company, last season, being one of the delights of the year.

ALBERTA GALLATIN

In the cities in which Miss Alberta Gallatin and "Ghosts" have been seen unstinted praise has been bestowed for the sincerity, the sympathy and the intellectual of her interpretation of the very difficult role of Mrs. Alving. While "Ghosts" has been alternately praised and criticised, the fact remains that it is one of the most powerful dramatic stories ever given on the stage. Its presentation here will be looked forward to with keen enjoyment by local theatergoers.



MISS ALBERTA GALLATIN, IN "GHOSTS."

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MOHAMMEDANS AND DOGS.

They Take Particular Pains Not to Come in Contact.

In Egypt dogs are never permitted to enter the dwelling of a Mohammedan, and if one is found in a mosque he is immediately put to death.

In consequence of this excommunication from the society which this animal seems so instinctively disposed to cultivate, Egyptian dogs live, for the most part, in the open air, feeding upon garbage and any other filth that chance throws in their way. Yet they are found to be faithful protectors of the property and even persons of the very men by whom they are thus despectively treated, although, social remarks, it is extremely curious to see the pains taken by a Mussulman and a dog when they happen to meet to avoid coming in contact with each other. Notwithstanding this state of persecution, dogs are remarkably numerous in the towns of Egypt. The species is a large one, about the size and make of the greyhound. As a proof of the Mohammedan prejudice against this useful animal, it is sufficient to state that they regard the terms Christian and dog as synonymous—both, of course, in the most opprobrious sense.

As a singular contrast for their dislike for dogs, the Egyptians have ever held cats in greatest veneration, and in ancient times even worshipped them. And historians tell us that Bubastis and Atribes, two towns in Egypt, the former a votary of cats and the latter of mice, contracted on that account so strong an antipathy to each other that the inhabitants were never known to intermarry, although only a few miles asunder. In some parts of India, too, we are told, they have a similar reverence for grinnalkin, as the only crimes punished capitally there are the murder of a man and a cat.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

TRIALS OF DIPLOMATS.

They Were Many in the Early Days of American History.

There exists a popular tendency to overrate the delights and to underrate the hardships of the diplomatic life; but, however much opinions may differ on this point, there can be no doubt that the office of an American diplomat in the days of the Revolution was no holiday pastime.

If he was not already in Europe, his journey to his post was beset with perils graver than those of the elements. In the eyes of the British law American revolutionists were simply "rebels," the reputation of whose conduct was likely to be pre-ordained to their prominence and activity, and the seas were scoured by British cruisers, the dreaded embodiment of England's maritime supremacy. Deane went abroad secretly before independence was declared, but when his presence in France became known the British government asked that he be seized and delivered up into its custody. Franklin sailed for France on a small vessel of war belonging to congress, called the Reprisal. On the way over she took two prizes, and more than once, on describing a suspicious sail, cleared for action. Had she been captured by the British, Franklin would have had an opportunity to test the truth of his remark to his associates in congress that they must "either hang together or hang separately." John Adams, on his first journey, took passage on an American vessel; on his second he embarked on the French frigate Sensible and landed in France in Spain. Jay committed his fate to the American man-of-war Confederacy and, like Adams and Franklin, reached his destination.—Harper's Magazine.

An Isolated Church.

In the valley of Westdale Head, in Cumberland, England, a strange little church nestles amid a group of the highest of England's mountains. It is over 400 years old and has two windows, and the pulpit is lighted by a pane of glass having been inserted in a hole in the roof above it. There are only eight pews, of which seldom more than two are used. The little bell, hanging loose in the open belfry, may on stormy nights be heard mingling its tones with the wind and thunder. But for the belfry it would hardly be known to be a church. This little gray edifice is described as the most isolated church throughout the whole of England.

Good Reason.

A school inspector, explaining to his class that the land of the world was not continuous, said to the boy who happened to be standing nearest to him:

"Now, could your father walk round the world?"

"No, sir," was the prompt reply.

"Why not?"

"Because he's broken his leg," was the altogether unlooked for response.—Chums.

On the Other Hand.

Lawyer—Your case would have been stronger, Mr. McGuire, if you had acted only on the defensive, but you struck first. If you had let him strike you first you would have had the law on your side. Mr. McGuire—Yes, Old had the law on my side, but Old had him on my chest a-pounding the loife out av me.

Very Versatile.

Stage Manager—I think you are a trifle too stout to play Romeo. Heavy Tragedian—Why, my good man, I could play the part of an infant in arms! Art has no limitations, sir.—New York Times.

Physicians are constantly discovering some popular pastime or mode of attire that injures health. But the average of human life remains about the same.—Washington Star.

His Sense of Feeling.

"Are you sure that mule is blind?" "Yes, sub-in his eyes he is, but you des order see him feel for you wld his heels."—Atlanta Constitution.

You may be busy, but if you have time to tell your troubles you are not busy enough.—Atchison Globe.

SAVAGES OF TAHITI.

They Live in a Paradise of Flowers and are Very Hospitable.

Tahiti, the paradise of the south seas, is inhabited by the gentlest race of savages in the world. They are passionately fond of flowers, which play a leading part in every act of their lives from birth to burial.

"To visit the home of a native planter," said an American traveler, "is not to feel that you are accepting hospitality at the hands of a Tahitian, but that you are conferring upon him and his humble abode a greater honor than you confer upon any of his neighbors."

"If you will but condescend to visit his home, partake of the native cooked meal, which is delightfully spread upon large leaves upon the ground and surrounded with roses and other beautiful flowers, you place him under greater obligations to you than he can ever hope to repay."

"If you will kiss his wife upon leaving and pat his shaggy dog upon the head he is yours to command as long as you remain in the islands. They have an artistic eye for the beautiful and never think of sitting down to a meal, especially while entertaining a visitor, unless there are garlands of flowers for each head at table and lavish floral decorations for the various dishes that may be served."

"It is a paradise of flowers, and the natives use them with no sparing hand."

DINING IN SIBERIA.

You Eat With Your Knife and Reach For What You Want.

A traveler in Siberia has the following to say in regard to table manners which he met with: "In eating you must reach for what you want. It is very seldom that anything is passed during the first stage of a meal. You would never suggest to your neighbor on the right to pass you the cheese, but you would rise in your place and, with a firm grasp on your knife, reach over his plate and impale the tempting morsel. If this is not impossible you leave your place and go around the table and secure your loot. My Russian naturalist, Alek, was a fair sample of an educated Russian, and he turned to me and said, 'I see you eat with a fork.' 'Yes,' said I, 'and I see that you do not.' 'No, but I had a sister who studied at an English convent in Japan for a year or so. When she came back she ate with a fork, but we soon learned her out of it.' The end of the Russian knife is broader than the portion next to the handle, and it is used both as a knife and as a spoon. They complain that the American knives do not 'hold' enough." After this it is not surprising to learn that the Russians were highly amused at the author's "use of the toothbrush, which they consider a peculiarly feminine utensil."

The Italy of America.

Perhaps the one element of the climate of the Rocky mountain region that impresses the newcomer most deeply and also most pleasantly is that of the abundance of sunshine. In this particular, both in winter and in summer alike, this is not only the Italy of America; it outshines Italy and equals northern Egypt.

Colorado Springs and Maunton average 340 sunny days in a year—that is, nearly 93 per cent of their daylight is bright sunshine. While they have twenty-five cloudy days, Cheyenne has 114, New York 103 and Asheville 108. And equally important is the fact that the shortest days of winter will afford eight hours of sunshine. Contrast this with the four and a half hours, the most you can hope to gain, in the celebrated valley of Davos, Switzerland. Salt Lake City averages 315 days bright and clear.—World Today.

Living at Poker.

A man who would consent to tell a lie anywhere else does not hesitate to do it at the poker table, which accounts for the big stories we hear now and then about losses or winnings. It is a common practice for habitual players in clubs to multiply the value of their chips by 100 so that their gains or losses are multiplied accordingly. The usual size of the club game is \$5 limit, all jack pots, with \$1 to come in. When a player throws in a white he says, "I'll bet a hundred." When it is red he says, "I'll bet you 200," and when a blue, "I'll bet you 500." The casual listener, hearing this talk, goes away convinced that the baby game is a million dollar limit.—New York Press.

How a Meaning Changes.

"Cheat" is a word that now has a very ugly sound. To cheat a man is to defraud him. Originally the word conveyed no such meaning. The old word "eschent" referred to the dues that fell to the crown. It came from the French echolr (Latin, excedere). The modern meaning that attaches to the word tells a sad tale of the extortion and greed that must have been practiced in collecting the dues.

Once Was Enough.

"Did you ever," said one preacher to another, "stand at the door after your sermon and listen to what people said about it as they passed out?"

Replied he:

"I did once—a pause and a sigh—

"But I'll never do it again."

Barred Out.

"Could you not, if you tried, grant me a place in that icy heart of yours?" "My heart may be of ice, as you say, Mr. Sophleigh, but, all the same, I am not in the cold storage business."

He Alone Seeks Notoriety.

Jayson—It is strange, isn't it? Jimpton—Er—what is strange? Jayson—Why, that the oldest inhabitant is always a man—never a woman.—Judge.

Not Proposing.

Maud—I'm afraid I intruded when I dropped in on you unexpectedly the other evening. Mr. Spoonumore looked as if he were proposing. Mabel—Well, he wasn't. He was only posing.—Chicago Tribune.

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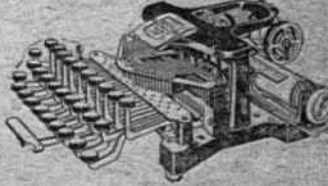
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